

MANAGEMENT AREA 7 (13,322 acres) - SCENIC AREA

1. Description Management Area 7 is the Malheur National Forest portion of the Vinegar Hill - Indian Rock Scenic Area. This 17,234-acre scenic area is administered by three National Forests. The Malheur portion, 13,322 acres, is administered by the Long Creek Ranger District. The area is drained by the Middle Fork and North Fork of the John Day River and the Burnt Powder River.

2. Goals Manage this area to preserve and protect outstanding natural esthetics.

3. Standards

RESOURCE ELEMENT STANDARDS

The Forest-wide management direction included in Chapter IV, Section E, of this Plan applies to this management area except where superseded by the following standards:

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| Recreation | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Manage for recreation ranging from a semiprimitive nonmotorized (nonwinter) to semiprimitive motorized (winter only) classification. 2. Snowmobile use may occur from December 1 to May 1. 3. Encourage dispersed recreation opportunities. 4. Design management controls necessary to protect ecological and social elements. 5. Use formal regulations and orders to achieve management objectives. Design and initiate information services to educate the public on use of the area. 6. Schedule maintenance and project work during low-use periods. |
| Visuals | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Manage to achieve retention visual quality level (see Management Area 14, Standard No. 17). |
| Fish and Wildlife | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Design and implement fish and wildlife habitat improvement/maintenance projects to meet visual quality objectives. 9. Maintain dead and defective tree habitat capable of supporting natural occurring levels of the potential population of the management indicator species for primary excavators where possible. |
| Range | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 10. Permit livestock grazing in accordance with Forest-wide Standards. 11. Design range improvements to be compatible with the visual objectives. |
| Timber | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. Exclude scheduled timber harvest. Lands are classified as "unsuitable" for timber management. |

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Minerals

- 13 Analysis of access proposals will consider factors such as the stage of operation and the feasibility and reasonableness of alternative methods of access. Roads will be constructed to the minimum standards suitable for the proposed use and will be obliterated to the extent feasible after completion of the activities.

Lands

14. Retain the National Forest lands within this area.
15. Prohibit installation of permanent communication facilities.

Facilities

Roads

- 16 Close existing roads to public use.

Trails

17. Maintain existing trails. Construct and reconstruct trails to the minimum level necessary to accommodate increased use, ensure public safety, and reduce environmental damage. Power equipment may be used to accomplish construction and maintenance work. Schedule this work during low-use periods.

Utility Corridors

18. Manage this area as a "Category 1 Avoidance Area" for the location of utility corridors.

Protection

Fire Management

19. Use planned and natural ignitions, when within prescription, to achieve resource management objectives and to allow fire to play its natural ecological role.

Insects and Disease

20. Allow endemic infestations to occur. Treat epidemics that threaten scenic values or adjacent lands.

4. Schedule of Management Practices

MANAGEMENT AREA 7 - SCHEDULE OF MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Management Practice	Activity Code	Total Planned for Decade (1990-1999)
FACILITIES		
Trail Construction/Reconstruction	AT22	7.5 Miles
Trailhead Reconstruction	AT22	4 Sites